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Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here to speak in favor of Senate Bill 818, *An Act Requiring Increases Penalties for Certain Motor Vehicle Offenses*.

This bill will increase the fines when someone is caught operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license, registration or insurance. Additionally, it would make repeat offenders of such crimes subject to incarceration.

Too many times drivers are caught operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license, registration or insurance. Such a practice is extremely dangerous to the driver themselves as well as those they are sharing the road with. If such a driver were to cause an accident they would not only put themselves at physical and financial risk, but also others. Our state requires an individual to have the proper licensing to operate certain vehicles, as well as proper vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles and proper car insurance.

Legislation such as this is important to insuring that the drivers of our state are driving on our roads safely, as well as outline stricter laws and punishments for when they are not.

I urge the committee to support Senate Bill 818 in order to keep those utilizing our roads safe at all times.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. McLachlan".

Michael A. McLachlan
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